

ENTERTAINMENT
July 18.—Sel. Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Sip Thornton, Warren, North Coast
Sip Thimbyke, Thornton, Jan 1st
Sip Edge, Graham, Victoria
Star Enterprise, Vancouver, New Westminster
Star Emily Harris, McLatchy, Nanaimo

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July 18.—Sel. Sybil, Tahleah, Port Townsend
Sip Harriet, McKenzie, San Juan
Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
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SABBATH SCHOOL PIC-NIC—The children of the St. Andrew's Church Sunday School had their annual picnic yesterday at Mount Tolmie. They assembled together at the church to the number of 160, and were placed under the care of sixteen teachers, in the "Young America," Bowman's and Williams' omnibusses, and Liddle's and Francis' express wagons. On arriving at the spot, an exceedingly beautiful one, they found preparations made for a variety of games, to which they betook themselves with great zest. They were called together on four occasions—first, for milk, sandwiches and doughnuts; second—ginger beer, bread and butter and currants; third—tea, pies, cakes and bread and cherries; fourth—apples, raisins and currants. The many visitors were also made heartily welcome to suitable refreshments. Not the least interesting proceedings were the races, in which the girls and boys eagerly competed for sashes, purses, bracelets, pencil-cases and gold pens, the generous gifts of Messrs McCrea and Hutchison. Another attraction was the unexpected arrival of Signors Calligani, Drummone and Clarkini, with their celebrated music-box and other instruments for the performance of the classic drama of "Punch and Judy." Other characters, dressed in Oriental garb, gave the original dance, "Chung, Chung and Gee Wo." At the close, the children were collected and rendered appropriate hymns and song, under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Gibson, and were addressed by Mr. Somerville. At seven p.m., the barge left for home, and vigorous was the cheering of young and old as they passed through Government street. So great was the enjoyment of the children that not even the occasional showers damped their ardor.

EDUCATIONAL DEPUTATION—A deputation from the Board of Education, consisting of Dr. Powell and Tolmie, the Mayor, and Mr. Higgins, waited upon His Excellency the Governor yesterday morning and were granted a very pleasant interview. The chairman read a communication from the Board, in which the adherence of the Board to the successful system of free education now in vogue was announced, a special school tax recommended, and the proposed economies of the Board for the current year stated to be between \$4000 and \$5000. The necessity of paying the teachers' salaries to the 21st of December last, as voted by the Board, was urged upon His Excellency by the deputation. His Excellency made several inquiries as to the system, and stated that a communication had been received from a religious sect pronouncing the present system a failure and stating that the children of co-religionists of the writers were debarred, in consequence of the system, from attending the schools. It was explained by Dr. Tolmie that the system was purely secular and that religious teaching took place in the schools during school hours, but that after 4 o'clock p.m. any spiritual teacher was at liberty to enter the building and instruct the children of his faith, whereupon His Excellency remarked that the objections fell to the ground. Dr. Powell stated that the people of the Island were entirely in favor of free education. The Governor, parting with the deputation, said the Government had no intention of introducing a system of education that would be repugnant to the inhabitants.

DEPARTURE OF C. S. NICOL, J.P., FROM NANAIMO—The recent departure for San Francisco of this gentleman and his family called forth a spontaneous expression of the esteem in which he is held from all classes of the town of Nanaimo. Before taking leave of his many friends, addresses expressing the deepest regret and testimonials were presented to him, and earnest are the wishes for his future welfare and prosperity. Mr. Nicol went to Nanaimo in the year 1859 and held the office of Manager for the Hudson's Bay Company until the coal mines and town site were purchased by the present owner—the Vancouver Coal Company. The name office for the new Company he continues to hold, though his duties as such will necessitate his residing in San Francisco almost permanently. During his eight years' stay in Nanaimo his generosity was great. By his benevolent and kind disposition he gained the respect of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Few men have so many personal friends as has the subject of this notice. Mr. Nicol is everywhere spoken of in terms of commendation. He was an active promoter of all measures calculated to benefit Nanaimo, and for many of its principal features the town is indebted to him. He for several years was honorary Magistrate for Nanaimo district. The confidence the people had in his integrity and upright conduct made him quite a favorite. His duties were always discharged impartially, efficiently and fearlessly. We wish him and his family well, and hope that he will meet with the success in life he richly deserves.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL—We are authorized to state that the result of the meeting of the parents of the pupils of the Collegiate School is that the School re-opens on Monday, 5th of August, at greatly reduced rates. A deputation, consisting of Drs Helmcken and Tolmie, Messrs T. L. Wood, Finlayson, Gibbs and Gowen, waited on the Bishop, and having thanked His Lordship on behalf of the parents whom they represented for his efforts in the cause of education ever since he entered his diocese, they urged upon him strongly the expediency of making a considerable reduction in the fees. The Bishop having laid this recommendation before the Principal, it is determined to carry on the school in future at the very much reduced fee of \$2 50 per month. A prospectus will be placed in the hands of the public in a few days.

There are two things in which the "capital" excels Victoria, viz.: mosquitoes and strawberries. The soil there grows the largest and sweetest strawberries to be found on the coast; and the bushes and swamps "produce" the sauciest, mos annoying and biggest mosquitoes the world can boast of. We saw a letter from a Westminster merchant yesterday. He has lived there six years, and declares that so troublesome have the little pests become of late the people are talking of closing their establishments and fleeing to Victoria to escape from the attack. Westminster may send us all her large strawberries, but she may keep her big mosquitoes to bleed her plethoric citizens.

THERE is certainly a defective drain somewhere in the vicinity of the corner of Baileys and Government streets. Yesterday the stench was so strong in the Bank of British Columbia building, Mr. Bishop's chambers, the Printing and Telegraph Offices, that the occupants were hardly able to remain at their avocations. Immediate steps should be taken to abate this long-standing nuisance, or an epidemic in the neighborhood may result.

J. WILKES BOOTH—A correspondent of a New Orleans paper relates that a friend of his has won a wager of £500 by proving that Booth is still alive. He says: "Hence whereabouts are known to five persons only, who know that he is Booth. He is living in obscurity, not far from his native land, and is perfectly safe, as his disguise is so complete that his own brother would not recognize him."

INDIAN WAR—ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE SQUAMISH AND HYDASPE INDIANS—Private advices from New Westminster state that fears are entertained of an open war between these powerful tribes of Indians, growing out of their joint claims upon the "capital" and the stone building about to be vacated in that place. Where is the Leviathan?

THE RIVET MATCH—The Victoria Ten, under Capt Pearce, left yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, on board the yacht Leviathan, accompanied by a few members of the band. Capt Cooper also went up to pilot the vessel. The ranges to be shot are 200, 400, 600 and 800 yards—five rounds at each.

THE FLAGSHIP—Yesterday a number of visitors were received on board the iron-clad Zealous and conducted over the ship by the officers. The vessel is a model of cleanliness and beauty, and her great guns seem too formidable to be withstood by any ship afloat.

FORTIFICATIONS—We learn that the U.S. Government design to commence the construction of fortifications at several points on Puget Sound, so soon as the commission now inspecting the various localities shall have completed their labora.

POLICE COURT—Several Indians were before the Police Court yesterday charged with assault and drunkenness, and were remanded for one day. Jim, a Fort Rupert Indian, for assaulting a squaw by biting her on the face, was fined \$20 or two months' imprisonment.

CHARTERED—Captain Stamp has chartered the ship Nation's Hope to convey a cargo of spars from Burrard Inlet to Java. The ship will proceed to San Francisco with the cargo of coal now aboard, and after discharging will return to the Inlet.

THE SHIP NATION'S HOPE—Anchored in Royal Roads this morning with 1100 tons of black diamonds for San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Nicol are on board. The ship was awaiting a favorable wind last evening to proceed on her voyage.

ICE—Ice is selling for ten cents per pound, and Piper, who is a cool card, has shut down on the supply of ice cream in consequence. If the weather remains as at present there will soon be little necessity for either ice or cream.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO JULY 1ST—The present year there were 4800 sheep and 800 calves imported into this Colony from the American side. Rather too much of a good thing.

FROM NANAIMO—The Sir James Douglas came down from Nanaimo and way settlements yesterday evening. She had on board twelve passengers and several head of fat stock for market.

LOADED—The ship Astarte, for France, with spars, and the ship Sam, for Melbourne, with lumber, are loaded and ready for sea at Captain Stamp's mills, Burrard Inlet.

THE CROWS—In all parts of the Island, for which concern was at first felt, now promise to be heavy. The Island will, we think, feed itself this year.

ADMIRAL HASTINGS—yesterday proceeded to San Juan Island in H. M. S. Sparrowhawk.

THE STEAMER ISABEL—Arrived from Burrard Inlet via Nanaimo yesterday morning, having in tow the British Ship Nation's Hope.

THE STEAMER EMILY HARRIS—sailed for Nanaimo yesterday to bring down a cargo of coal for the ocean steamship company.

FEMALE COMPLAINTS—should be cured, as they surely can be, by a few doses of Ayer's SAPARAPILLA.

THE FINANCIAL STORM AND PANICS—It came steadily but surely, gently at first, like great storms come, with a gradual lowering of the clouds and a gradual increase in the wind. It began in a calm—a quiet, happy, pleasant expanse—calm that may be typified by a man seated on the lawn at Bartons, and smoking in the shade, with sheep bleating at distance. It came out of a calm, we say—a delightful time of rising markets, when the bulls of the stock exchange were in clover and the bears at fault. It began when most kinds of shares were at a premium; when all sorts of companies were paying big dividends, and £5 shares were selling at £8 and £10; when everything was "looking up"; when men bought to invest, and even bought one day to sell the next at a profit. First, there was a whisper from the Continent which agitated the financial atmosphere for a moment—the first breeze of the coming storm. The bears sniffed it, but the bulls feared it not; and shares for a moment wavered, only to recover and make the calm seem all the more reassuring. Then a whisper came from the New World, and there was an Atlantic roughness about it at which the bears opened their nostrils and sniffed with a hungry relish. The bulls wavered still in doubt, and then in a sudden

darkness the big clouds gathered, and the wind blew a hurricane—blow tempestuously from the shores of France, with tributary winds from Austria and Prussia, and local winds from St. Stephen's. Then the bears growled and snarled and bit and bellowed, but the bulls fought hard and butted with their horns; but the bears tore and incarcerated them; for the financial storm had come, and there was panic everywhere. The Genius of Finance no longer in the sun looked hideous and fearful, and the magicians who had hitherto controlled them had lost their power because the world had faith in them no longer. The story is not new; it crops up afresh once in every eight or ten years. Mean while the storm in the city was spreading far away to all points of the compass. Though the moon shone forth calmly, on Cornhill and Lombard street, on Threadneedle street and on the Stock Exchange, through all the night the storm raged in men's hearts; it tormented men and women on their beds, and shook giants of finance where they lay sleepless and awoke; it tore along the railway lines up in letters, which carried the tempest to Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Bristol, Birmingham, and even to the cathedral city where Mr. Phillips resided. They were like so many Pandora's boxes, these letters from the City the next morning, telling out on being opened evils without end. Do-pair and ruin were in many of them, and all the country was agitated with fear. If an invading host had been sailing up the Thames, the consternation would not have been so great; for the people could have gone forth and done battle with the foe. But there is no fighting a financial storm—no contending with Stock Exchange terrors. After the arrival of Pandora's letters, there went forth into the country flights of telegrams—electric pigeons which settled in crowds with their missives in all the towns of England, and the storm increased tenfold with the excitement of the electric current. During the morning hundreds of bulls put on bear's clothing, and the shares of Overton, Baker & Co., began to fall; and in the afternoon those leading discount houses in the country gave way to the pressure; and then fresh flights of electric pigeons went forth into the towns that Overton, Baker & Co., had failed for ten millions of money.—*The Tatler of Barton: A Novel.*

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